

PAPILIO IDOMENEUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavato-capitatae.

Alæ (sedentis) erectæ sursumque conniventes, (volatu diurno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 744.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PAPILIO alis subcrenatis cærulefcenti-fufcescentibus, superioribus fascia semitransversa albidâ, subtus nebulosis, ocello posticarum maximo.

PAPILIO alis subcrenatis cærulefcenti-fufcescentibus, subtus nebulosis: ocellis duobus: postico magno flavefcente.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 753. *Eq. Archiv.*

PAPILIO alis subcrenatis fuscis basi cyaneis, subtus nebulosis, posticis ocello magno flavefcente.

Fab. Sp. Inf. t. 2. p. 26.

Inter Papiliones eminet Idomeneus, plerisque congeneres magnitudine exuperans. Alarum superiorum

riorum pars altior coloris est eximie fusci, striis aliquot transversis obscurioribus undulati: cyanea est reliqua pars, medio lucidiore. Nec caret pulchritudine alarum superficies inferior quæ fusca nubeculis aliquot pallidioribus striisque innumeris nigricantibus variatur; et in utraque ala inferiore macula exstat permagna, nigricans, oculo similis, circulo lato flavente inclusa, qui ipse nigro circumdatur. Magno intervallo super magnas has maculas sita est utrinque et alia minor. Americam Australem incolit *Papilio Idomeneus*.



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I D O M E N E U S,
OR
G R E A T O C C I D E N T A L B U T T E R -
F L Y .



G E N E R I C C H A R A C T E R .

Antennæ or Horns thickening towards the upper part, and generally terminating in a knob, or club-shaped tip.

Wings (when sitting) erect, and meeting upwards. (*Flight* diurnal.)

S P E C I F I C C H A R A C T E R , &c.

BUTTERFLY with dusky-blue wings: with a semi-transverse whitish bar on the upper pair: the lower surface clouded with different shades, and marked by a very large ocellated spot on each of the lower wings.

Petiv. gaz. 43. t. 28. f. 1.

Cram. pap. 5. t. 52. f. B. t. 390. f. A. B.

Mer. Sur. t. 60.

Pl. enl. t. 96. f. 1. 2.

This insect is one of the largest of the papilionaceous tribe. The upper half of the superior wings is

is of a rich brown, undulated with a few deeper transverse striæ, while the remainder is of a very deep blue, the middle part more lucid than the rest. The body is brown. It is a native of South America. The under surface of the wings is by no means destitute of beauty, being of a brown colour, varied with lighter clouds, and undulated with innumerable blackish streaks, and on each of the lower wings is an extremely large ocellated blackish spot, surrounded by a broad ring of pale yellow, which is again encircled with black. At a great distance above these very large spots on each side is situated a smaller spot of the same form.